



# MESA VERDE NATIONAL PARK

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### **National Park Service Mandate**

“... to conserve the scenery and the natural and historic objects and the wildlife therein and to provide for the enjoyment of the same in such manner and by such means as will leave them unimpaired for the enjoyment of future generations.”

Organic Act, 1916

### **Mesa Verde National Park Mission**

- Preserve and protect from injury and spoliation, the sites, artifacts, and other works of ancestral Puebloan peoples,
- Preserve and protect from injury and spoliation, the woodlands, wildlife, and other natural features,
- Manage and protect the pristine character of designated wilderness on 8,100 acres,
- Provide for research and increase knowledge and aid in the advancement of archeological science,
- Recognize and respect the values and traditions of the affiliated Native American tribes; work to keep the relations with these tribes mutually beneficial, and
- Protect the scenery along the road to Point Lookout.

Legislation 1906 – 1976